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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) as revised September, 2004 and pursuant to the waiver published at 1287 OG 163 (October, 2004).

U.S. Patent 6,278,231  
U.S. Patent 6,838,297  
U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0129348  
Japan 2000-311156

The foregoing Japanese document was discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Applicant also respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to co-pending Application No. 10/533,564, filed May 3, 2005 by Tatsuya Iwasaki, which has been assigned in common with the present application.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

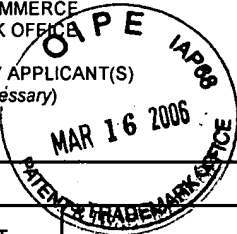
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